

## TITUS ALFONSO SIPE

November 24, 1854 - August 19, 1908

Charter Member

- Ruby Sipe Johnson

Like his father, Titus, the youngest living son of John and Mary, was raised on the old homestead in Conover. I think it was where Uncle Vance and Aunt Mary Sipe raised their children or somewhere close around there. It was located the first road on the left below Mt. Zion church going toward Conover. The old house has been torn down.

Titus became a charter member of Mt. Zion serving as chairman of the first building committee. In 1893, Titus and other family members and neighbors joined in the organization and construction of the church. Included in the 13 organizing families of this new Lutheran center of worship were his two brothers, Alfred Elkana and Jacob Alexander, Jacob's two sons, Will and John, two nephews, Lee Hefner and Eli Kaylor, and a niece, Mrs. Susan Delilah Sipe Huffman, wife of Freeman Huffman.

According to this daughter, Cora, the church always came first to him, and the family was always there when services were held. I can remember Mama saying that if the church doors were open, they were there.

Titus was a farmer by trade. At the age of twenty-four on September 5, 1878, Titus married Amy Martha Jane Hoffman (November 27, 1864 - April 1, 1939). Amy was the daughter of Amy Miller and Langdon C. Hoffman.

Titus and Amy had ten children: Vance Elkanah, Henry Franklin, Loy Lea Fayette (born May 2, 1886 and died a few weeks later, June 20, 1886), Sally Luella, Lula Idella, Cora Virginia, Vernon Otto, George Freeman, Mary Edna (who later married Carl Sipe, a descendant of Jacob Sipe, brother of Titus). The last child born to Titus and Amy was Luther Earl, June 24, 1905.

According to Imogene Hefner, Aunt Cora recalled that life on the farm was hard and all the children had to help with the farm work such as plowing, chopping and

hauling wood and other farm chores. But, she said, in spite of all the hard work to do, Aunt Cora said the young people still found time for gatherings and social events such as corn shuckings and quiltings, church socials and other community gatherings.

After Titus' death, Amy married William "Bill" Killian, who was the only grandfather I ever knew. Grandpa Killian was Uncle Albert's father and Albert was Aunt Cora's husband.

Titus is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

I'm sure I can't think or probably don't know all of Titus' descendants that still belong to Mt. Zion, but I'm going to list the ones I know and can remember: Meta Ruth Sipe, Ruby Johnson, Tim, Patrick and Mandy Johnson, Ruth Propst, Diane, Marty and Heather Buff, Sylvia and Stephanie Price, Oren Sipe, Vickie, Jesse and Daniel Smith, Marty, Megan and Ashlyn Huffman, Nadine Hildebran, Pauline Huffman, Richard Sipe, Ronald, Marie and Elizabeth Sipe, Crystal and Patrick Hefner, Harold Hedrick, Harvey Sipe, Terry, Heather, Cheryl, Alicia, and Kristen Thrift, Clora Cline, Peggy and Melissa Hyatt, Jackie Kennedy, Justin Lamson, Tara and Miranda Moody, Charles Cline, Jason, Nathan, Sonya and Chelsey Cline, Retta Hedrick, Donald Sipe, Glenn E. Sipe, Glenn E. Sipe, Jr., Paul L. Lail, David, Wendy and Jessica Lail, Jerry, Darrin and Tina, Kim Johnson, Vernon Lail, Jimmy, Justin, Jason and Julie Lail, Joe David, Jennifer and Shannon Lail, Junior Lail, Troy Lail, Joyce Eckard, Rusty, Matthew and Gabriel Eckard, Amy Eckard, Imogene and Scott Hefner, Pauline Kiziah, Sadie Arndt, Harolene, Marty and Suzanne Setzer, Denise Isenhour, Becky, Tatum and Shane Mathews, Eunice Wray, Linda and Alanna Wray, Beulah Killian, Steve Killian, Leroy, Annette and Bryant Killian, Polly Moretz, Keith, Natalie, Kyle and Haley Moretz, Kevin and Brittany Moretz, Eva Propst, Barbara Keever, Earl Propst, Todd, Jarrett and Tanner Miller, Eric and Dalton Miller.

I have done my best with these names. If I missed you, I'm sorry, and if you don't belong to us, I'm sorry. It's a good family to belong to. Happy New Year!